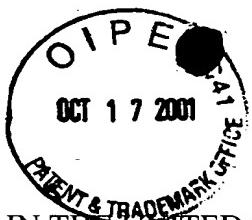


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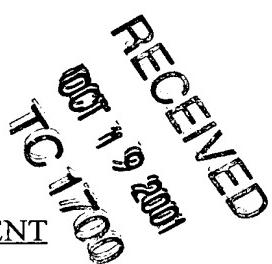
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FOR: PROCESS FOR ADSORPTION OF
ORGANIC COMPOUNDS, AND
ADSORBENTS OF PULVERULENT
RUBBER

AMENDMENT
AND
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION REQUIREMENT



ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated September 17, 2001, Applicants elect Group

I, Claims 1-11, with traverse. In addition, Applicants elect, also with traverse, the following species for search purposes: (1) filler material: silicate or silicic acid and/or carbon black; (2) article or apparatus: stationary bed; and (3) organic compound: oil (light oil and heavy oil).

Claims 1-23 read on the elected species.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

--21. (New) The adsorbent according to claim 1, wherein said filler is selected from the group consisting of silicate, silicic acid, carbon black, and mixtures thereof.